

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The starter according to claim 1,A starter, comprising:~~

a motor generating a rotation force; and

a planetary reduction gear device that reduces a speed of rotation of the motor,

wherein

the planetary reduction gear device has a planet carrier that has a first surface and a second surface opposite to each other and forms gear shafts projecting from the first surface and a plurality of planetary gears supported by the gear shafts,

the planet carrier further forming projections projecting from the first surface in a direction same as that of the gear shafts,

the projections and the gear shafts are integrally formed with the planet carrier,

and

wherein each of the gear shafts and the projections is disposed such that a base portion connecting to the surface of the planet carrier forms a rounded corner.

7-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The starter according to claim 3,A starter, comprising:~~

a motor generating a rotation force; and

a planetary reduction gear device that reduces a speed of rotation of the motor,

wherein

the planetary reduction gear device has a planet carrier that has a first surface and a second surface opposite to each other and forms gear shafts projecting from the first surface and a plurality of planetary gears supported by the gear shafts,

the planet carrier further forming projections projecting from the first surface in a direction same as that of the gear shafts,

the projections and the gear shafts are integrally formed with the planet carrier,
the gear shafts are arranged on a first circle having a center that is coincident with
a rotation axis of the planet carrier and the projections are arranged on a second circle having a
center that is coincident with the rotation axis of the planet carrier, wherein the second circle has
a diameter different from that of the first circle and wherein each of the gear shafts and the
projections is disposed such that a base portion connecting to the surface of the planet carrier
forms a rounded corner.

13-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A starter, comprising:

a motor generating a rotation force; and
a planetary reduction gear device that reduces a speed of rotation of the motor,

wherein

the planetary reduction gear device has a planet carrier forming gear shafts
projecting from a surface of the planet carrier and a plurality of planetary gears supported by the
gear shafts,

the planet carrier further forming projections projecting in a direction same as that
of the gear shafts, and

each of the gear shafts and the projections is disposed such that a base portion
connecting to the surface of the planet carrier forms a rounded corner.

20. (Previously Presented) The starter according to claim 19, wherein
the gear shafts are arranged on a first circle having a center that is coincident with
a rotation axis of the planet carrier and the projections are arranged on a second circle having a

center that is coincident with the rotation axis of the planet carrier, wherein the second circle has a diameter different from that of the first circle.